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In re

Patent Application of

Mark G. Fleischhacker

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Examiner:

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT PURSUANT TO 37 CFR §1.97(b)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.97-1.98, applicant submits this supplemental information disclosure statement and a listing of documents on Form PTO-1449. A copy of each listed document is enclosed. Applicant recently became aware of these documents and now direct the Examiner's attention to same.

The submission of the documents is not intended as an admission that such documents constitute prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicant does not waive any rights to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present application.

This supplemental information disclosure statement is being filed within three months of the filing date of the application or date of entry into the national stage of an international application or before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits whichever event occurs last. 37 CFR 1.97(b).

Applicant respectfully requests that the document be considered by the Examiner, be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO-1449 be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sirs:

In compliance with the requirements of 37 CFR §§ 1.97-1.98 and pursuant to the duty of disclosure of 37 CFR § 1.56, applicant wishes to draw the Examiner's attention to the documents listed on accompanying Form PTO-1449. A copy of each document is enclosed.

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